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III. Joh. Ludov. Gansii M.D. CORALLIORUM HISTORIA. *Francofurti A. 1669. in 12º.*

IN this History the Author affirms to have digested both what hath been deliver'd of *Corals*, and what himself hath observ'd and try'd of that curious product of Nature, taken notice of by the Poet, 4. *Metam.*

*Sic & Corallium, quo primum contigit auras  
Tempore, durefcit, mollis fuit herba sub undis.*

Which affirmation this Author looks upon as poetical indeed and fictitious, asserting, that Coral is originally a Mineral, and a kind of precious Stone, Corals being no berries petrified, but pieces filed off and turn'd, from the trunk, round and polish'd.

His opinion therefore is, that Coral is form'd out of a glutinous Juyce, which being turn'd into Stone by a salt, abounding in it, riseth up in the form of a Shrub, the salt being the cause, that maketh Plants spread into branches.

The places of the production of Coral he names to be, the *Red Sea* (where they are darkish,) the *Persian Gulf*, the *Sicilian* and *Neapolitan* shore. Some of them are Red, others White, others Blackish.

To this Accompt he annexes various Preparations made of them; as also divers Solutions, of which he delivers one as an excellent dissolvent both of Corals and Pearls, made of very well rectifi'd spirit of Salt, digested, and freed of its Corrosiveness, and then mixt with good spirit of Wine distill'd and brought over the Alembic. *May-Dew* is also much commended by him for a fit *Menstruum*, if the spirits distill'd from it be joyn'd with its own Salt.

He treats also of the Magisteries, Extract, Oyl, Tincture, Quintessence, Flowers; as also of the Vertues of Corals, and of the way of making factitious ones.

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